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YOUR GI BENEFITS

The honorable way?

Be a good soldier! Shin, clean, kill, polish, eat shit, kiss ass and the world will be at your feet, when the army gives you that honorable discharge.

What are some of the things the army claims you'll get in bennies when the time comes? Jobs? School? Money? Lets take a closer look.

Your job is supposed to be open to you when you ETS, or the V.A. will assist uou in finding a job similar to the type of training you got while you were in the army. This would be great if it was true. But the facts are that 11.7% of black vets are unemployed 8.3% of white vets are unemployed.

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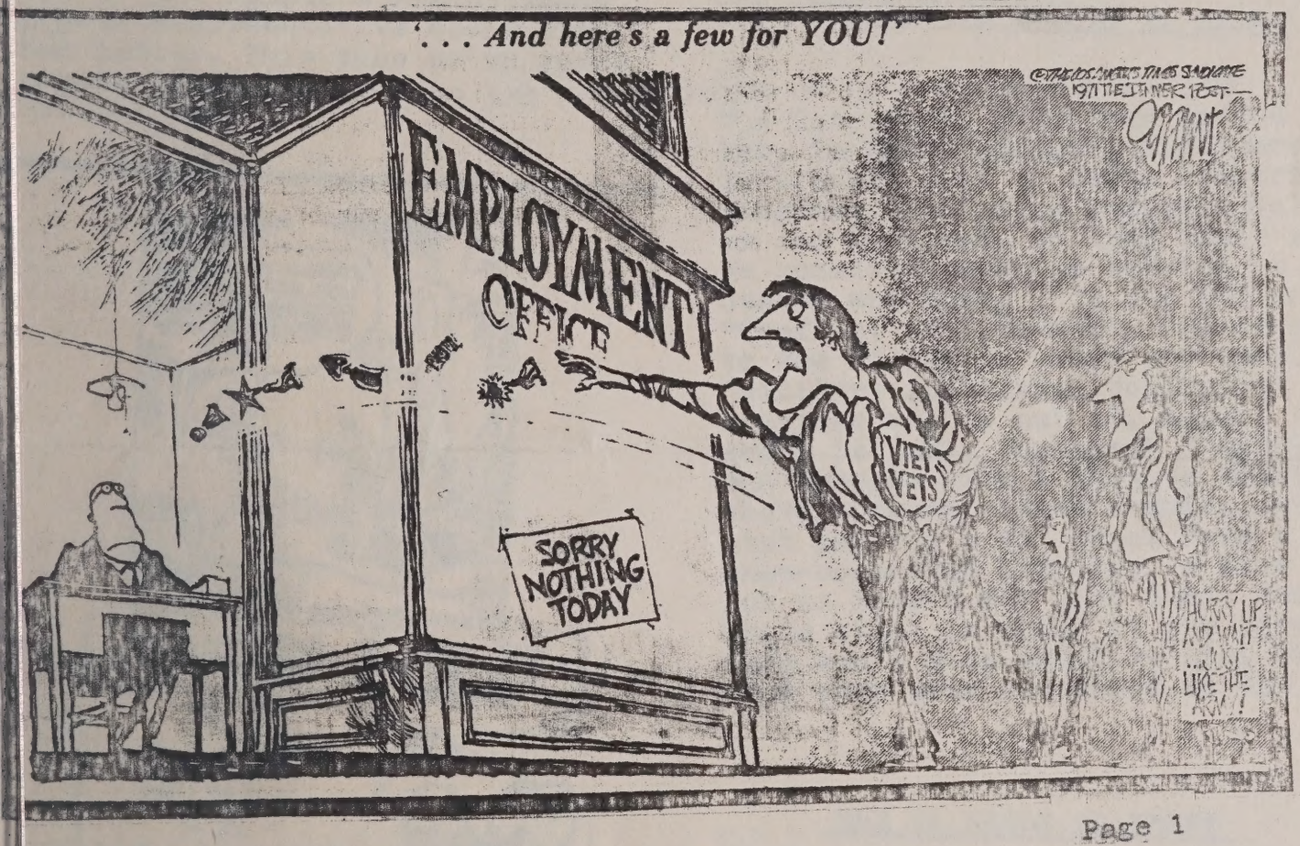

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THIS YEAR'S LAST CHANCE FOR PEACE

This Thursday, June 16, our last chance to fuck Nixonwar and get out of the 'Nam this year will come up on the Senate floor for a vote. The Hatfield-McGovern Bill forces the administration to stop spending money on the military in Indochina by December 31 of this year. It's a crucial bill for the people and a long step back from the Amerikan death-trip.

Write or phone(or telegraph, if the strikers win) your Senator and tell him how important it is to get our brothers out now, and stop the genocidal air war on the Vietnamese people.

The bill, if it makes it through the Senate, will have to make it through the House too. Send a copy of the People's Peace Treaty to your Representative along with your letter. This time we're going to make it stick.

PEOPLE MAKE THE PEACE-IN 'NAM

It's hard to convince any Vietnamese that an American soldier is anything but Thieu's white-skinned or black-skinned thought police. But the NLF has tried applying the People's Peace Treaty practically, announcing that GIs who are genuinely against the war are not their enemies. They know that many GIs are not obeying the criminal orders of the lifers, refusing to fight in a war they didn't want bu businessmen did. There will be no fighting between these GIs and the NLF. The people will make the peace, both here and in the 'Nam

RESERVISTS BUSTED IN RANK

The Reservists Committee to End the War, in San Francisco, has successfully brought suit to force members of Congress, including Generals Goldwater and Thurmond, to drop their reserve commissions while serving in the Senate and House. It was called a "Conflict of Interest". We're glad to see it happen under any name, but "military-industrial collusion" is a better way to put it, mebbe. The crime is that, for every Congressman and Senator with a reserve commission there a dozen lifers drawing retirement pay and a fat check from a defense-connected industry, a nice littl job in return for good deeds done while still in power in the service. This won't stop until we stop buying used wars with our blood as the coin.

THE VA NEEDS NO HELP?

About a month and a half ago, six of us walked into the Fatalburg VA Hospital and signed up, as VVAW members, to do volunteer work with our brothers who are bedridden there. We had to hassle the hospital administration for a long time before we got a straight answer about why we weren't allowed to work. Finally, we were informed that 70 high school students had signed up for volunteer work and we wouldn't be "needed".

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That's correct, baby. You are us. The difference between you, high school student, and us, Vietnam veterans, is a grinding machine that varies in length from two years up, but puts out the same product-- a burnt-out, pissed-off high-school graduate with no job skills in an economy and a system that wishes he had been killed in the 'Nam so he wouldn't be swelling the unemployment rolls now. Very embarassing in this wonderful rich country, to have the working-class blacks, browns and trouble-maker type white trash that were cleverly trained to kill -- be so ungrateful as to come back alive and demand decent work just as if they were actually citizens or something.

That's you in a few years, friend. That's us, now.

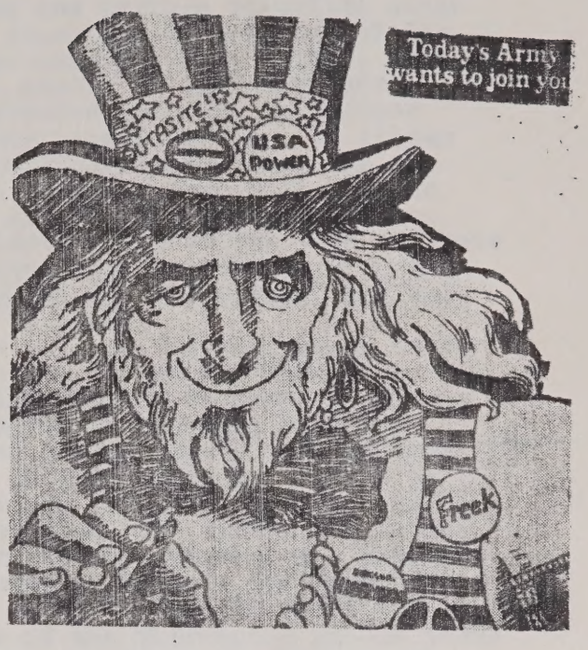
But Nixon's getting us out of the war, you say? Bullshit. Nixon is the proud numbah-one boy scout of a system that needs war to increase corporate profits, goose that growth rate, and keep unemployment at a healthy four percent when times are perfect.

This system uses people-- you and me. It used us to fight one war and it will use you to fight another-- either against inferior "gooks" overseas or against long-haired "commies" at home, for it will come to that.

The new draft laws end college deferments and give the Army what they think they want-- green highschoolers who haven't had all that college bullshit about individual rights and American imperialist wars. They're a lot easier to push around.

What they're overlooking is that the great percentage of the grunts in 'Nam are are just that-- workingclass highschool graduates. They have seen through the lifer bullshit and so will you. But it has taken a long period of struggle to find out that you don't get anywhere separately -- to beat the system and get back the power your parents gave away, you have to organize. Don't let the lesson be lost. The same brainwashing that goes down in this country is at its heaviest in high schools, where they try to knock off the rough edges and make you acceptable citizens. If you don't resist, you'll be slaves to the system whether you ever have to put on a uniform or not. But if you resist, you will be ahead of the game-- politically conscious and aware of your kinship with your brothers and sisters. In the Army or in what is called "civilian" life, you have to resist to live like a human.

YOU



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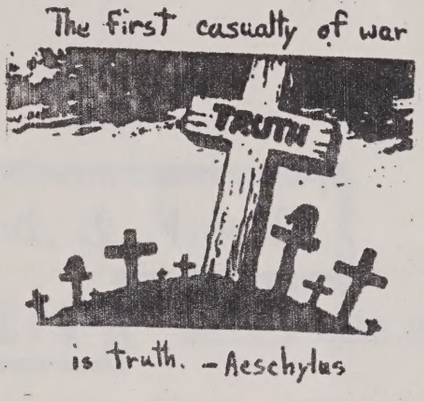

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TRUE PATRIOTISM

"My country, right or wrong.
When right, to be kept right.
When wrong, to be put right."

— Senator Carl Schurz

If Thieu, the darling of the Saigon-US Army diplomatic clique, gets elected again this fall, it will be because US troops have been used to force his election.

Check it out: Ky is going to run against him, which will split the upper-class ARVN officer corps iron control over the politics of the EM. Tran Van "Big" Minh will probably run, seeing the opening that Ky's George Wallace tactics opens up. ARVN grunts will vote for him, as will large numbers of the Vietnamese people. Minh is popular, and is no hardliner against coalition government. Coalition government is not what the people of Vietnam want or deserve, after 60 yearsof fighting one colonialist rip-off government after another. But it is a step away from Theiu-Ky-Khiem, and a final break with the American domination of Saigon.

Thieu, like much of the economic elite that runs Saigon, is the son of a North Vietnamese landowning family. They want to go back and get theirs. 2 million exiled, rich mainland Chinese crack the wip over 13 million native Taiwanese (with American help) with the same thing in mind. They don't want to "liberate" the People's Republic of China-- they just want to go back and kick ass with the peasants like daddy did.

The kinship between Thieu and the boys in "Ambassador Bunker's" profession is pretty tight... they come from the same background. Their careers and Thieu's re-election are tied up too,and if Thieu can't buy his election again with ARVN troops, they'll have to substitute American troops.

In their crowd-pleasing "non-combat" role they will go into villages and perform so-called civic action functions in the name of the Thieu government. They will be along to give muscle to the white mice when uprooted peasants in refugee camps are herded together to listen to a political spiel from one of Thieu's lackeys. They will operate as the governments thought police, as students and patriots such as those who signed the Peoples Peace Treaty, are rounded up, imprisoned, and sentenced to death.

They will be the only shock troops that Bunker has at his command to aid in buying Thieu's reelection (if you don't think the embassy controls American troops, check the War Room in the Laotain embassy, staffed by US military and CIA creeps). Bunker will use them. His career and tricky Dicks reelection depend on a puppet government in Saigon, and those two aren't about to let the needs and desires of the Vietnamese people stand in their way. Watch the papers and watch this happen. We are being used in Vietnam as in the states, to determine politics and sustain a businessmans war.

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Very few VA Hospitals can afford to turn away any volunteer help-- the government isn't into giving a lot of money to the VA, what with the high price of anti-personnel bombs and all. We'd like to believe that seventy students have volunteered to work with our brothers and try to keep up some minimal standard of care in the hospital. But with all the other shit coming down on high school students, its a fucking shame if they are the unknowing subjects of lies designed to keep us freaky Namvets away from the patients.

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Pull down those presidents
That are at war.
We are not at war.
Let those presidents who are at
War
Kill each other.
Let's let the congressmen
who voted 80 billion dollars
For war
Go without food
And clothing
And let them kill
Each other
Too.
Give them big cheap
Steel knives
To make it
Easier
To cut
Each others' balls off
So that war will not be passed
Down from generation
To generation
Forever.

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Namvets, many of whom were high-school grads with no work experience prior to service, come back with no stable skill except unwilling killer. For them the storyis worse--whites 14% unenployed, blacks 20%.

What's the solution? Employers don"t like Namvets; they are scary and look like freeks. They don't knuckle under the lifertalk that passes for business practice in Amerika. They've had too much of that pigshiy already. Namvets don't know their place.

A large proportion of the "unemployable" Namvets, in fact, are liable to be guys who got on skag over there. The Army simply discharges them-- no rehab-- and without jobs they are likely to turn to ripping off to support a $5 a day Nam habit that has suddenly begun to cost $75 or more in the states.

Partial answers-- fight the system, demand Project Transition and make it worthwhile. Demand useful OJT while you're still in. Raise hell with the VA at home to get decent veterans job programs.

Just remember whil you are doing this that our system is so constructed that it is necessary to have 4% unemployment or more to have "growth". An economist will tell you this without batting an eye, and the pseudo-economists who run this country because they bought it are no more likely to worry about out-of work vets than about any of the others who must according to the internal law of capitalist society be out of work in order to line their pockets at the proper growth rate. You feed their habit, and will continueto do so as long as they keep buying Amerika.

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The young girl said she was
thirteen
And hooked on heroin.
She said she was a prostitute.
She said
H costs money.
She said
Her father was a Marine
Serving our country in
Vietnam.
She said her
Father got a Silver Star.
This does not mean wars cause
Heroin.
But war helps I bet,
She said.
Her habit costs thirty dollars
A day.

I don't know what our habit
Costs.
Thirty billion?
What does it cost to lose a
thirteen-year-old
Girl?
More than thirty billion I bet.
Who knows?
God knows.
God bless America.
That's what her father said
When he left for Nam.
He shoul have said
God help
Us.

-William Eastlake

WHAT DOES THE ARMY CARE ABOUT USED-UP SOLDIER-ADDICTS??????

Many men return from the war with scars of all sorts. In the last 2 or 3 years men have been returning with a new type of scar-- drug addiction. A recent survey estimates that 30% of the troops in Nam are using hard drugs. What happens when these men come home? Does the Army help soldiers who have habits before they are discharged? After a man has spent every day of the past year or two high on skag, it is very hard for him to adjust to life without it. Physical withdrawal can be accomplished with certain drugs in a short time. Psychological adjustment can take months or longer. The Army, however, doesn't even provide the remedial drugs for physical withdrawal, let alone any more far-reaching help. It simply discharges the addict and lets him fend for himself. With professional help it is still possible, of course, that the withdrawn addict could go back to skag. Without such help it is a dead certainty. As the war drags on, the price Amerika pays for supporting opium smugglers goes higher and higher.

Two problems are tied up here. What can the Army and the VA doe to temporarily remdy the problem of addiction in returned vets? We are all for the usual methods of treatment, even methadone until the newer, better drugs test out. Rehabbing an addict to cope with this fucked-up society is better than throwing him out, unemployable, with only crime left as a means of support his habit(a more expensive one here than in 'Nam). But these will be useful only as long as we remember they are temporary.

"The psycho-social aspects of addiction must be considered. The military and the VA as presently structured are institutionally incapable of dealing with the underlying causes of drug abuse. Servicemen should not be retained in the military until certified 'drug free'. The VA should be prevented from wholesale and exclusive use of methadone, which simply provides a legal device to prolong a devastating drug habit. Servicemen and veterans should not be used as guinea pigs to try out other wonder drug remedies for what is a very complex problem".

Government funds should be channeled into existing drug treatment facilities in the veterans communities. Therapeutic communities (civilian agencies such as New York's Phoenix House)should be set up for, and run by, veterans" -- So say a group of independent (not VA-bought) psychiatrists who have worked with veteran-addicts. Proposals such as these are a good halfway house to full solutions of the drug problem. There is no question of returning the addict to "normal" life. This fucked-up society, including Vietnam, is "normal", the kind of normal that creates the drug problem. Instead of breaking out of the normal by using drugs, the addict must reclaim his power as a human-- political and moral-- from the death-trip society he's come to know as "normal". So must we all.

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It is easy to believe
That people are inferior,
Stupid,
Dirty,
Distant,
Corrupt,
After they have been in a
Losing war for twenty years.
Civilians
Always
Lose.

When the war ends
Civilians win.

Don't let it get you down
That we lost a
War.
We never had a war to start
with
What kind of country do you
think we are?
To own wars.

-William Eastlake

END EXPLOITATION OF OUR DEAD BROTHERS NAMES !!

This week VVAW Fayetteville/Ft Bragg joins in a nationwide boycott action against Tyrell's Jewelers. Tyrell's is a nationwide chain, located mainly in GI towns. Like all other GI-oriented businesses, it's a ripoff, aimed at high profits wring out of the uncertainty and rootlessness of GIs.

They've got a new advertising gimmick now, and it makes them stand snout and shoulders above the other pigs in the GI ripoff trade. Each Tyrell's store displays a "roll of honor" of the names of our brothers killed in the 'Nam who were Tyrell's victims before they were Nixon's. Tyrell's boasts that they are "honoring" these victims by not dunning their families for their unpaid bills.

Outside in the window, Tyrell's displays a "code of ethics" which includes a claim of "fair advertising" and honest merchandise for honest prices(!).

Tyrell's latest shill is the worst kind of rotten advertising. Add this to their ripoff prices and crummy sidewalk shilling(which violates a Fayetteville city ordinance). Exploitation of the names of our dead brothers sucks. We demand an end to this added perversion of the integrity of our dead brothers-- their lives already wasted in an immoral, imperialist war. We demand an end to the ripoff credit terms inflicted on GIs, and enforcement of the ordinance designed to keep pig hustlers off the sidewalks and out ofthe passer by's hair.

JOIN US BOYCOTT TYRELL'S [illegible] END EXPLOITATION

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Because TYRELLS have taken down the Vietnam Roll of Honor after 5 min. of picketing we have at this time stopped the boycoting.

HELP**AU SECOURS** MAYDAY$$$$$$$$

VVAW needs support to survive in Fayetteville. Money is great. Moral support is priceless, tho mimeo paper ain't. Send whatever you can, including good news.

IMPORTANT - - to our out-of town friends-- this is the last time we'll be able to afford postage to out-of-town mailings unless we hear definitely from you that you are interested in getting THE LAST INCURSION as often as it happens. Please communicate.

Love & Struggle,
VVAW

CLIP---MAIL-----BE NICE----

☐ I want to help. Enclosed is $_____

☐ I want to keep on receiving THE LAST INCURSION

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